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GROWING IN INTEREST.

The News Merit Contest, To Four Young Ladies in Adair County.

First prize, Ladies Gold Watch.
Second prize, Gold Bracelet.
Third prize, Gold Set Ring.
Fourth prize, Gold Brooch Pin.
Contest closes Wednesday, April 15th, 1908, at 12 M. Below is given the vote up to 11:30 this (Tuesday.)

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| Jennie McFarland, Columbia, | 18,645 |
| Mollie Caldwell, Portland, | 5,680 |
| Pearl Breeding, Vester, | 5,240 |
| Nora Bradshaw, Montpelier, | 4,675 |
| Nina Marcum, Columbia, | 4,350 |
| Mary Feese, Cane Valley, | 3,895 |
| Lula Connor, Glensfork, | 3,625 |
| Mary Hulse, Columbia, | 2,550 |
| Ruby Jeffries, Ozark, | 1,625 |
| Alice Walker, Columbia, | 1,360 |
| Cora Smith, Columbia, | 750 |

Miss Mattie Thomas has received some votes, but not enough to nominate.

REV. ELI D. WATKINS DEAD.

Last Sunday night Rev. Eli D. Watkins, who was known to a great many people in Adair county, died at his late home, near Milltown. He was about seventy-three years old and had been a local Methodist preacher for about thirty years. When the war of the rebellion broke out he espoused the cause of the union and enlisted in Haggard's regiment. During a force march in one of the Southern States he had the misfortune to get both of his feet badly frozen, and while in a Southern hospital a Confederate surgeon amputated one of his feet. Thinking that the other one would get well, he clung to it until the war closed, and after his return to Kentucky it became necessary to remove it. At the time of his death he had been a citizen of Adair county about twenty-five years, and was known to every body on account of the loss of his limbs.

The Government has been liberal with him for many years, giving him a pension of one hundred dollars per month. While in health the deceased was active, carrying on farm work and would often trade in stock, etc.

For six or seven years he had been confined to his room, in bed most of the time. During this period he became petulant and was hard to manage, but he was somewhat of a philanthropist. He contributed five hundred dollars to the Lindsey-Wilson school, and other good deeds are credited to him. His estate is valued at about fifteen thousand dollars, the greater portion of it being in cash. He leaves a wife who is blind and in a very low state of health.

The funeral services were held this Tuesday forenoon, quite a number of friends attending.

DR. BLAYNEY'S LECTURE.

The people of Columbia and vicinity were highly entertained last Friday evening, the occasion being a lecture by Dr. T. L. Blayney, of Central University, Danville. His subject was "The Illustrated Study of the Development of Art." The speaker was introduced in a few appropriate words by Judge W. W. Jones, after which the audience, which was large, spent two hours in listening to a most attractive lecture. The pictures, masterpieces of paintings, sculpture, architecture, were thrown upon a canvas by means of an electric lantern, and the scenes clearly convinced the audience that the carvers and painters of ancient times far surpassed those of to-day. Dr. Blayney is a scholarly gentleman and a most entertaining talker.

REUNION.

There was a reunion of the well-known Durham family at Saloma, Taylor county, Sunday of last week. Mrs. M. E. Durham, of this place, is the mother of six sons and one daughter, and upon this occasion they were all present and several grand children. The reunion took place at Mrs. Durham's old homestead where her daughter, Mrs. Murphey, now resides. It was a most happy occasion, as we learn from Mr. R. H. Durham, it being the first

time the mother and all the children had dined together for several years. The Durham boys are brothers indeed, and their sticktoitiveness to one-another is frequently mentioned. If one of the number is taken sick, the other five are with him as soon as he can be reached, and the same can be said of the sister. A worthy family of sons and a daughter, a priceless heritage to the aged mother.

DIED.

Lester Browning, who was well-known about Gradyville, died at the home of his father, 'Squire John Browning, near Bridgeport, last Wednesday night. He was about thirty years old and leaves a wife and two children. He had recently returned from California where he went several years ago, hoping that he might recuperate his health. He was a good citizen and his death brought sorrow to many relatives and friends.

CHARLEY CAMPBELL.

A Well-Known Citizen of Russell County, Dies at His Home in Creelsboro.

A VICTIM OF HEART TROUBLE

Mr. T. P. Dunbar, of this county, who is a nephew of the deceased, received a telephone message, last Wednesday, stating that Mr. Charley Campbell had suddenly died at his late residence, near Creelsboro, of heart trouble.

The deceased was seventy-eight years old, and one of the best known citizens of Russell county. He was a thrifty farmer, hospitable in his home, and very much liked by a large circle of friends. He will probably be more missed than any man who has died about Creelsboro for years. He had a kind, sympathetic heart, and no stranger was ever turned from his door. He leaves a very good estate.

The News extends its sympathy to the surviving members of the family.

Last Friday afternoon Gov. J. R. Hindman entertained the Lindsey-Wilson, making a patriotic speech, taking "George Washington" for his subject. He spoke of the valor and patriotism of the Father of our country, contrasting men in the days of Washington to would-be officials in this day and time. It was not our pleasure to hear the Governor, but we are informed that he was in a talking mood, and that he delivered a most interesting address.

A correspondent of the News writing from Rocky Hill Station, Ky. tells us of some remarkably good shooting. There were a lot of hogs to be slaughtered, and there was no rifle on the premises, and it was decided that they be killed with revolvers. J. L. Sturgeon, revolver in hand, made this proposition to W. T. Compton: "I will shoot and every time I make a hog swear I will give you a cigar, Compton to give him one for every dead shot." He fired eight shots killing a hog every shot. The distance was thirty steps. Compton bought the cigars and Sturgeon did the smoking.

MRS. GANN DEAD.

Last Wednesday night at her late home in Jamestown, after a long illness, Mrs. Sidney Gann passed over the River of Death. She was the widow of the late Dr. Thomas Gann, and was very much beloved by the people of Russell county. She was seventy-eight years old, and a victim of cancer. She is survived by one son, Judge S. A. Gann, and three grand children.

Mr. Clarence Chamberlain, who was a son-in-law of Mr. Flood Jeffries, Moberly, Mo., died at Paducah, Ky., last Thursday. He had just undergone a difficult operation and died from its effects. Mr. Flood Jeffries is a native of this county, a brother of Mr. W. F. Jeffries, of this place. The deceased was not known here, but it is said he was a most excellent young man.

Seed beans and peas for sale at J. W. Jackman's 10 cents a pint. 16-St

A SAD DEATH.

John T. Shelton, a Prominent Young Man, Son of Mrs. Georgia R. Shelton, this Place.

END CAME AT MARYVILLE, TENN.

Last Friday night a message from Mr. Reed Shelton to his mother at this place, announced that his brother, John, was lying dangerously ill, and for her to come at once. Mrs. Shelton caught the early morning train out of Campbellsville, reaching Maryville, Tenn., Sunday morning, her sons being in college in that city. She found John very low with spinal-meningitis, notifying her brother, Mr. E. W. Reed and sister, Miss O. M. Reed, here, "that she had no hopes, but the physician was a little hopeful," but the mother's first impression proved true, and at 1 o'clock Monday morning death came.

John T. Shelton was born at Morris-town, Tenn., about seventeen years ago, but he was reared in this place, his mother returning to Columbia after the death of her husband, which occurred about 15 years ago.

He was a young man of fine business attainments, exceedingly polite, and was popular with the entire community, hence the intelligence of his death brought the profoundest sorrow to the people, old and young, of Columbia. The tenderest sympathy is felt for the loving mother, who was doing every thing in her power to prepare her son to take a position in the world.

Several years ago the deceased made a profession of his faith in Christ, united with the Presbyterian Church, and lived a consistent member until his life work ended. He will be greatly missed by his young associates, but the heaviest stroke came to his devoted mother and affectionate brother. But we are told there is no death; it is only a separation for a time; that those who die in the fear and admonition of the Lord, have a home in that City of God where sickness and sorrow never come. The mother, brother, uncles and aunt are striving to enter in at the straight gate, and they should bear this heavy burden of sorrow with Christian fortitude, knowing that they will again meet the loved one.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church this (Wednesday) forenoon conducted by Rev. C. M. Chumley, pastor of the Campbellsville Presbyterian Church, many friends being present.

A MAGNIFICENT PIECE OF WORK.

One of the best executed oil paintings ever on exhibition in this place is a life size portrait of Gov. J. R. Hindman which now adorns one of the show windows at Russell & Co's store. The picture was made twenty years ago by Prof. Nicola Marshall, an artist with a world wide reputation, whose studio is in the city of Louisville. Governor Hindman has often tried to buy the picture, but the artist declined to sell it, invariably stating that it was the most skillfully piece of work he ever executed. greatly admired by judges of art, and it had been the means of securing him many sittings.

Two weeks ago the Governor was in Louisville and he concluded to make another effort. Finally, Prof. Marshall told him he would part with it for one hundred dollars. A check was quickly filled out and the picture shipped to this place. Since it has been on exhibition in Columbia the work has been greatly admired by lovers of art.

L. W. T. S., NOTES.

As Washington's birthday came on Saturday we were given, Friday afternoon as our half-holiday. About one o'clock Gov. Hindman made his appearance and addressed the students and, as is always the case, the students demonstrated their appreciation of the speech which he made.

Rev. J. A. Moorman preached at Tabor Sunday to a large and appreciative congregation.

Misses Mary Cartwright, Mary Williams, and Lura Smith, three of 1907 graduates, and Miss Jennie McFarland were visitors at Lindsey-Wilson last

Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Turner visited at his home near Fairplay the last of the week.

Mont. Murrell visited relatives near Bliss Saturday and Sunday.

The play given at the Chapel on Saturday evening was pronounced a success in every particular. A large audience was present and all enjoyed the occasion very much. Each performer certainly did well and the statuary was beautiful.

The oldest chicken probably in this section of county is a hen owned by Tom McClure, of color, who lives near Columbia, Mr. J. F. Turner, who accidentally comes into possession of the history and age of the aforesaid chicken states as follows: I never thought that a chicken was long lived but I found one the other day that is 22 years old. It is a gray hen belonging to Tom McClure. From what I can learn she has been on this earth 22 years and is still able to lay and cackle though she is not able to fly up to roost and must be fed from the other chickens. She shows age in movement, in appearance, and her feet have been frozen which makes it hard for the natural scratching for a living.

Mr. J. H. Judd, Division Dept. Collector of this district makes a good report concerning his work. He states peace and harmony prevails beyond his fondest expectations, that within the last thirty days not a single complaint has reached him—an unprecedented condition so far as his experience is concerned. Mr. Judd is one of the Government's best and most highly esteemed officials in the unpleasant service to which he is attached. He does his work thoroughly, honestly and keeps everlastingly at it is our information, and we trust that he will be successful in the future as he has been in the past, and that new crowns of Federal approvals may rest upon his labors.

CHURCH WORK AT GRADYVILLE.

J. C. Cook reports two delightful services at Gradyville last Saturday and Sunday. A good congregation at each service. He found the Ladies Missionary Society and Sunbeam band thoroughly alive to mission work and its needs. The Sunbeams are quite an interesting feature of the Society and they are being well trained both intellectually and spiritually. He found the Society well equipped with Journals, Catechism's and our Mission Field.

Saturday afternoon, Misses Lethe Wilmore, Mable Hindman, Emma Bragg, Nora Sherrill, Mary Hunter and Mary Wilmore, rendered excellent papers on China. Mrs. G. H. Spillman closing with a strong paper on "What Christian Missionaries are seeking to do for China."

With God to help and the help of these earnest workers the pastor expects success at Gradyville.

Mr. J. N. Coffey, having returned home, gives glowing descriptions of the different sections he visited. He was in Oklahoma, meeting quite a number of former Adair county people, all of whom he says are doing well. From Oklahoma he visited Quannah, Texas, where he found J. J. Hunter and son, Jim, and Tobe Hughes. Garnett and George Montgomery holding their own with the natives and perfectly satisfied. His next jump was to Elida, New Mexico, where he met a whole colony of Adair county people. They were all busy and perfectly contented.

Mr. J. F. Turner and Chester Antle have formed a partnership and opened up a blacksmith shop near Pettis Fork on Burksville road. Several new dwellings are being erected in that locality and the neighborhood generally has a prosperous appearance. The village will probably be called Roosevelt.

Miss Ellen Wilson, aged 75 years, a maiden lady, a sister of Mr. H. A. Wilson, died at Cane Valley Tuesday night of last week. She had been in declining health for several years. She was a native of Taylor county. The interment was at Cane Valley.

Next Monday will be county court and a large crowd is expected in town. Friends of the candidates in the News Merit Contest should be here and put in the day working for their favorites.

AN ENJOYABLE PLAY.

Witnessed by a Large Audience in the Lindsey-Wilson Chapel Last Saturday Night.

CLOSING ACT A GRAND TABLEUX.

Pygmalion and Galatea, a Greek mythological play in three acts, was given to a large audience in the chapel of the Lindsey-Wilson last Saturday evening. We do not believe we overdraw the picture in stating that it was the most enjoyable entertainment ever given in Columbia by local talent. There was not a hitch made in the program, each character playing his or her part most admirably, receiving the commendation of all present.

The following is a synopsis of the play:

Pygmalion, a Greek sculptor, was so much in love with his beautiful wife, Cynisca, that he fashioned her in marble. On one occasion when his wife was going to be absent from him a day, she gave him the privilege of pouring out his love to this marble statue during her absence. After she had gone Pygmalion prayed to the gods to give the statue life, and his prayer was answered, and then he realized the fearful consequences that must attend the headless prayer, but it was too late—Galatea lived. When his wife returned she made him pay the price by striking him blind. Later, through the pleading of Galatea, she restored to him his sight.

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

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| Pygmalion, Greek Sculptor, Mr. Douglas Penland. |
| Cynisca, Pygmalion's Wife, Miss Frances Jones. |
| Galatea, Vivified Statue, Miss Lucile Shannon. |
| Myrene, Pygmalion's Sister, Miss Sarah Thomas. |
| Lucippe, Athenian Soldier, Mr. Elam Harris. |
| Crysos, Patron of the Arts, Mr. Phillip Williams. |
| Daphne, Crysos' Wife, Miss Katie Murrell. |
| Agesimos, Crysos' Slave, Mr. Elwood Durham. |
| Wimos, Pygmalion's Slave, Mr. Harry King. |
| The statuary acts were represented by the following young ladies, the scenes being so perfect that the characters made a striking resemblance of real work done by a skilled sculptor. |
| Pandora, Miss Katherine Vardeman. |
| Terpsichore, Miss Mary Cartwright. |
| Penelope, Miss Myrtle Myers. |
| Nymph, Miss Nina Marcum. |
| Nymph, Miss Mabel Atkins. |
| Nymph, Miss Dimple Conover. |
| Aphrodite, Mrs. Richard Moss. |

CALLED AWAY.

On Wednesday February 19, 1908, the death angel visited our home and claimed for its victim our darling little Clyde, age 2 years 8 months and 16 days. He was sick only a short while, scrofula being the cause of his death. All that medical skill and loving parents and friends could do to relieve his suffering was willingly done, but he who does all things well said, Come unto me little Clyde for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. While we feel that giving him up is a great loss we can rest assured that it is his eternal gain. Yet, Oh! how we miss his sweet face and the busy tread of his little feet.

We wish to thank those who so willingly assisted us in our sad bereavement. Papa and Mama.

There is nothing to discourage any candidate in the News contest. A vast amount of work can be done in seven weeks. If you want to win keep moving.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Gill, who was the mother of Mr. W. H. Gill, this county, died in Sherman, Texas, Friday February 14. Obituary will appear next week.

Mr. W. T. Grant, of Bonnieville, Hart county, brother-in-law J. F. Triplett, who purchased a farm at his present location some time ago, will engage in the mercantile business and will open a store at once.